#### Leslie S. Powell 4355 Georgetown Square, No. 335 Dunwoody, Georgia 3DOBKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

January 20, 1993

Federal Communications Commission 3575 Koger Boulevard Duluth, Georgia 30136

Gentlemen:

I am writing to complain of the excessive rates of North DeKalb Cable TV.

We have had our second increase this past year and I am now paying \$28.51 for one cable connection, broken down as \$27.95 monthly service and \$0.56 franchise fee. So far as service from them I've had none since the installation 3-1/2 years ago.

I live in a retirement community of about 200 apartments, the place was prewired for cable and each one of us pay the same fee as a single family home where, from experience, have found there is more need for service from the cable company.

It's impossible to get decent reception without cable commections and it is one of the few outside pleasures a good many of we retirees have. We are all on limited incomes and certainly use some relief from this gross overcharge.

Very truly yours

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FCC ATLANTA, GA

I was recently notified (su copy attached) of an approximate 5% price, much by North Detalb Cable TV Co. effective 1/1/93.

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EEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

C.B. (Mike) Harreld 5575 Woodsong Dr. Dunwoody, GA 30338

Dear Mr. Harreld:

TO SPEED OUR REPLY

We are using this informal way to handle your inquiry and we hope you agree that a prompt response is more important than formality.

Please refer to the item(s) checked below for your reply.

- ( ) The enclosed material should give you a better understanding of the situation.
- () The information you have requested cannot be handled by this office. Therefore, it has been directed to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. Any additional correspondence regarding this matter should be forwarded directly to that address, attention:
- ( ) The information you have requested/provided does not come under the jurisdiction of this agency.
- (x) This will acknowledge receipt of your letter. It has been forwarded to Cable Branch in FCC Headquarters in Washington, D.C. for an appropriate response. Any further correspondence may be directed to: FCC

Cable Branch 1919 M Street, NW Washington, DC 20554

- () Your area comes under the jurisdiction of the office. Your correspondence has been forwarded to that office at the following address:
- (x) Other: We are also enclosing a Cable Fact Sheet on cable rate regulation published by the Commission which should give a better understanding of the situation.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO:

Ms. Peggy Berg 1111 Rosedale Drive Atlanta, GA 30306

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Dear Ms. Berg:

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Federal Communications Commission 3575 Koger Boulevard Suite 320 Duluth, Georgia 30136

To Whom It May Concern:

We just received the revised GCTV rate schedules effective December 1, 1992. We are good customers of GCTV. We carry many of their stations totaling an expensive package and pay our bills on time each month.

The rates just went up. While they only went up a few dollars each month, they added a level of absurdity to already outrageous charges.

This is to voice our strong belief that GCTV cannot be trusted to charge in a reasonable manner when allowed a monopoly. We cannot state strongly enough our support for stronger and more effective government control over the rates charged for cable.

Sincerely,

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BUFFALO, January 8, 19 93

To Whom It May Concern:

3 Tereby Certify. That at a Session of the Common Council of the City of Buffalo, held in the City Hall, on the 5th day of January

19 93, a resolution was Adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

No. 135 Protest Rate Increase By TC1 (Item No. 157, C.C.P., Dec. 8, 1992)

That this Common Council formally express its very strong objection to the rate increase recently announced by TCI of New York to the New York State Commission on Cable Television and the Federal Communications Commission, and ask those agencies to report on whether the city has any legal basis upon which to challenge those increases; and

That this Council direct its Special CATV Committee to hold a hearing to elicit public comment about the rate increase; and

That the City Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution to the New York State Commission on Cable Television, the Federal Communications Commission, and TCI of New York.

ADOPTED

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CONTINENTAL CABLEVISION, INC.

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02110 (617) 742-9500

ROBERT I SACHS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT CORPORATE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

March 23, 1993

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James H. Quello, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, NW Room 802 Washington, DC 20554

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Chairman Quello:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter to Senator Howard Metzenbaum which responds to references to Continental Cablevision that were included in Senator Metzenbaum's March 19 letter to you.

The apparent source of the misinformation about Continental's rate adjustments in the Dayton, Ohio area is the Miami Valley Cable Council which has strenuously opposed Continental's decision to itemize municipal franchise fees. In an effort to avoid political accountability and deflect public attention from the fact that Continental pays approximately \$750,000 a year in franchise fees to Dayton area municipalities, the Miami Valley Cable Council has launched a public relations campaign which grossly distorts the effect on consumers of rate restructuring which Continental announced last December. As indicated in our letter to Senator Metzenbaum, our Dayton area subscribers will experience an average increase of 2.6% on their monthly cable bill as a result of the announced restructuring.

We would be pleased to provide the Commission with whatever further information the Commission desires about our Dayton area rate adjustments and hope you will not be influenced by the misleading information that the Miami Valley Cable Council has generated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Jacks

cc: Donna Searcy

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Continental Cablevision

March 23, 1993

The Honorable Howard M. Metzenbaum United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Metzenbaum:

We are in receipt of your letter dated March 19, 1993 to the Federal Communications Commission regarding, in part, to Continental Cablevision's recent rate restructure in Greater Dayton, Ohio. I believe, however, that much of the information provided to you by the Miami Valley Cable Council is grossly overstated and misrepresents the intent and effect of Continental's rate adjustment.

It is untrue that many basic cable subscribers in the Dayton area were hit with a 21.3% rate increase. We did adjust Basic Service between 15.5% and 21.3% (from \$7.75 to \$8.95 plus applicable franchise fees)—still an affordable rate for a basic service package. At the same time, we reduced various other charges. The net result is that less than 2.8% of Continental's subscribers were affected by the increase in basic rates, while approximately 25% of our subscribers received a rate decrease. On average, the total effect on all of our subscribers was a 2.6% rate increase on their total monthly bill, which is less than the increase in CPI for 1992.

None of this was an effort to evade Congressional intent. We are in the midst of completing a \$70 million rebuild of our cable system, creating a state of the art fiber loop based system around Dayton. Systems which used to be separate became interconnected, and we took the occasion to do two things: create a uniform base retail price among subscribers served by the new system; and to itemize franchise fees, so that subscribers in jurisdictions which charge less than 5% franchise fees receive a lower total bill than do subscribers in jurisdictions which charge the maximum. We believe that both of these are encouraged by the 1992 Cable Act.

In a letter dated December 30, 1992 to area public officials announcing the rate restructuring [Attachment "A"], Continental expressed the following: "The cable bill, in our analysis, expects cable operators to have cost-based rates for ancillary services in place by April 3, 1993. Therefore,

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ADDRESS REPLY TO:

1200 Communications Circle Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455

Mr. Nicholas E. Vlaservich Town Clerk 131 N. Gaston Street Dallas, NC 28034-1798

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We are using this informal way to expedite our response. Please refer to the item(s) checked below.

- [ ] The enclosed material should respond to your inquiry. Any further questions you may have should be directed to the above address.
- [ ] The information you have requested cannot be handled by this office. Therefore, your letter has been directed to the following address. Any additional correspondence regarding this matter should be forwarded directly to that address.
- [X] Other Your correspondence has been forwarded to Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Complaints and Investigations Branch, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW. Washington, D.C. 20554, for an appropriate response.

Sincerely,

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cc: Chief, MMB

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

James J. Friel 8 Crater Court Sewell, NJ 08080 Home Phone 609-589-9415 Work Phone 609-441-6823

Dear Sir:

In Washington Township, Gloucester County, Jones Intercable offered basic cable approximately 10 years ago for around \$6 a month. It is now \$21 a month.

I subscribed for basic cable and they provided their cable the so I could receive all the channels offered through cable. To eliminate their box I purchased a cable ready television and VCR with remote. This enabled me to watch TV without their box and tape another program at the same time.

Effective January 31, 1993 Jones Intercable had informed me that they are realigning their cable channels. For me to receive the exact same channels I was presently receiving I would now need to return to Jones Intercable to pick up their cable box and reinstall it in my house at no cost to me.

When I picked up the box, they offered a remote control for the box at a rental fee of \$3.95 per month. If I wanted to watch one program and videotape another on my VCR I would now have to purchase an AB Box. I inquired whether or not a generic brand remote control that was on sale at a local department could sperate the cable box. I was informed that it could, however, if I purchased this remote control on my own I would have to notify them so they could throw a switch at the office. This would allow me to use my personal remote to operate their box at a cost of \$3.95 per month.

I object to the use of their cable box and remote since I have already purchased cable ready television and VCR with remote control.

February 2. 1993 Page -2-

I feel that this is just another way that the cable company has devised to increase the consumers cost without offering additional cable channels. To receive the same service that I was accustomed to it would cost me the \$3.95 per month plus the price of the AB switch and generic remote.

Since I do not have the option of changing companies because they are the only cable company in the neighborhood, I would like you to investigate my complaint and advise if there is anything that can be done to alleviate the rip-off by this company to all consumers. I advised the State of New Jersey Board of Regulatory Commission on Cable TV about this complaint. They advised me to generate this letter to you for possible further action.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

James J. Friel

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Los Angeles Office 18000 Studebaker Rd., Room 660 Cerritos, California 90701

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February 2, 1993

Shirley L. Woolf 502 E. Verdugo Ave., #E Burbank, CA 91501

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE CERRITOS, CALIFORNIA 502 E. Verdugo Ave., #E Burbank, CA 91501 December 14, 1992

Cable Company Licensing Division Federal Communications Comm. Cerritos Corp. Tower 1800 Studebaker Rd., #660 Cerritos, CA 90701

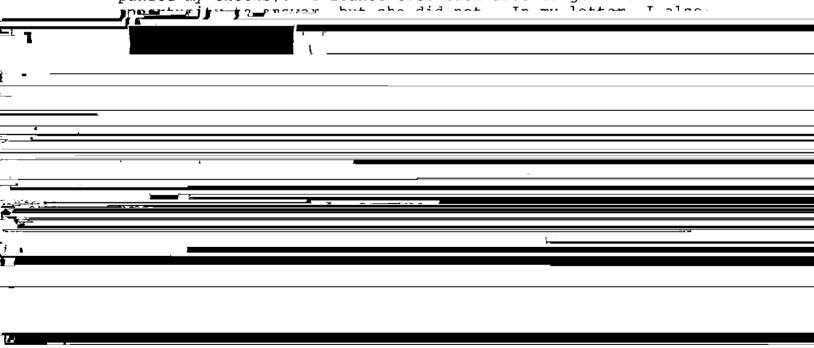
Re: Sammons Communications License

Dear Sirs:

I have a problem with my cable company which they seem totally uninterested in resolving. Their disinterest and total arrogance as well as their ineptitude lead me to request that you look into revoking Sammons' license.

Approximately six months ago, Sammons instituted late charges without prior notification to its subscribers. Twice I paid, each time protesting that this was a change in billing policy and customers should have been notified in advance. I received no response to my notes.

On October 29th, because I had received no reply in two months, I wrote directly to Shirley Orr, the general manager, on the offchance that she had not seen my prior notes (they accompanied my checks). I leaned over backwards to give her an



disclose that the box is useless for those who don't subscribe to pay channels, Sammons perpetrates a fraud on the public by not informing it. The public has a right to this information; Sammons deliberately does not provide it.

Further, when the Sammons serviceman left me a defective box and refused to take it with him, that could be construed as abandonment of property. Yet Sammons has the gall to bill me \$300 for a piece of equipment I didn't ask for in the first place; didn't need, in the second place; and which their agent refused to take back, in the third place. This is obviously a less than completely honest cable company and I would question whether they deserve their license. I think not.

At this point, I have a choice: either keep the box, on the basis of "abandonment of property", or send Ms. Orr a storage bill for the six months I have been forced to store it.

I want this matter resolved. Sammons will not resolve it, obviously, since Ms. Orr, representing Sammons, had several opportunities to do so and deliberately did nothing.

My work day is long (in the legal field, they always are) and I couldn't care less if the TV never was turned on. However, my daughter is a political science major soon to intern in Washington, D.C. and she needs C-Span and C-Span 2, so this vengeful, totally unnecessary action on the part of Sammons' general manager is affecting her grades and her future. I will NOT permit that. If Sammons wants a lawsuit, I'm not afraid to oblige. Years ago, I was warned not to take on the phone company (before divestiture), that I could never succeed. I won. I'm not afraid to go after Sammons.

I ask that you intercede. I want the late fees removed from my bill, my TV reconnected with no reconnection charge, and I want Sammons instructed to treat its customers properly. I also want a letter of apology from Ms. Orr. It will probably kill her to do it, but that's okay with me. She had no right to do what she did. She certainly does not deserve her job, but that is a different battle and I will take that up with the appropriate people at Sammons.

I want swift action on this matter. I will have no hesitation to file a class action suit against Sammons. I also have no doubt that a little publicity will bring forth many more horror stories about this cable company.

And finally, I suggest, since Congress has mandated changes in the cable industry, that you pass my letter on to the appropriate committee and have them require cable companies to offer the two-level structure of fees, i.e., with the box or without the box, with clear options laid out so customers have a basis for making intelligent choices.

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### Village Of Stryker, Ohio

NORTH DEFIANCE STREET • STRYKER, OHIO 43557

TELEPHONE (419) 682-2191

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January 8,1993

Federal Communication Commission 1919 M. Street N.W. Washington D.C. 20554

ATTN: Cable Consumer Affairs Divison

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Sirs:

The follow is the action of Village Council at there December 14, 1992 meeting.

Mayor Calvin presented a letter to council from TCI Cablevision concerning a rate increase to take effect January 1,1993.

J. Ruffer moved to oppose the new rate increase. J. Short second, YEA ALL.

Sincerely:

Village of Stryker

Curtis F. Mock, Administrator

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November 17, 1992

The Honorable Lauren Calvin P.O. Box 404 Stryker, OH 43557

Dear Mayor Calvin:

On January 1, 1993, TCI Cablevision of Northwestern Ohio will increase its rates for Basic Service, Expanded Basic and HBO. The amount of the increase is comparable to the increase in the cost of living over the past year, plus increases in programming costs. Attached is a copy of the bill insert to our customers, who will be notified by December 1.

The adjustment offsets increased cost of technical equipment, salaries for our 32 employees in the Northwestern Ohio area, and for increases in program fees that we pay to many networks we carry on the system.

As you may know, on October 5, Congress passed cable legislation which, among other items, provides for local rate regulation. However, the rate regulation provisions of the '92 Cable Act do not become effective until April 3, 1993. Prior to that date, the current law, the rate regulation provision in the 1984 Cable Act, still applies. Also by April 3, the FCC must adopt procedures to implement rate regulation. While we do not know what criteria will be adopted by the FCC, the Cable Act did give the FCC a few guidelines. Our rate increase is consistent with these guidelines — it is reasonable in that it reflects the cost of living index and the increases in fees from our program suppliers.

Most of the provisions of the new law will not take effect until 1993 (please refer to the attached timetable). Many standards must be set by the FCC. TCI Cablevision of Northwestern Ohio intends to abide by the provisions of the law; in fact, we are in compliance with several already. As the process of regulating the industry unfolds over the next several months, we will keep you fully updated.

At this point, however, we have little additional information. I would be happy to meet with you at your convenience to answer what questions I can, and to provide you with what materials I do have available. Please call me with any questions or comments that you may have.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Costanzo General Manager 324 Paige St. P.O. Box 351 Bryan, Ohio 43506 (419) 636-5636 1-800-843-5966 Fax (419) 636-3668

#### Cable Is Still A Great Buy

Cable Television is one of the best entertainment values your money can buy.

As a valued customer, we want to inform you of some changes to your cable service. In 1992, our costs for programming, technology, and general operating expenses have risen more than the increase in the cost of living. In 1993, we are adjusting our rates by the national cost of living index, plus cost increases from program suppliers. This will enable us to continue bringing you the quality service and entertainment you value. Listed below are the new rates and their effective date.

As you may know, Congress recently adopted legislation which extends greater regulation over cable television rates. The Federal Communications Commission is expected to adopt rate regulation guidelines and rules by mid-1993. Based on current information, we believe the rate adjustments we are making are consistent with the provisions of the new law.

We regret we cannot yet answer all of your questions on the new legislation until the FCC acts. We are committed to complying with the new rules — and doing all we can to make cable television programming and service even better.

### 1993 Cable TV Monthly Rate Highlights

(effective with your January '93 bill):

- The new monthly rate for Basic Service will be \$17.82.
- The new monthly rate for Expanded Basic Service will be \$2.45.
- HBO will increase 45¢ (applies to package prices and single purchase).
- The rates for other services will not change at this time.

TCI Cablevision of Northwestern Ohio 636-5636 or 1-800-843-5966

Pricing, programming, and packages are subject to change. Applicable franchise fees and taxes will apply. 818: 01-18,21-23,25,27,29,31,32



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Honorable Alfred C. Sikes Chairman Federal Communications Committee 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554 FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

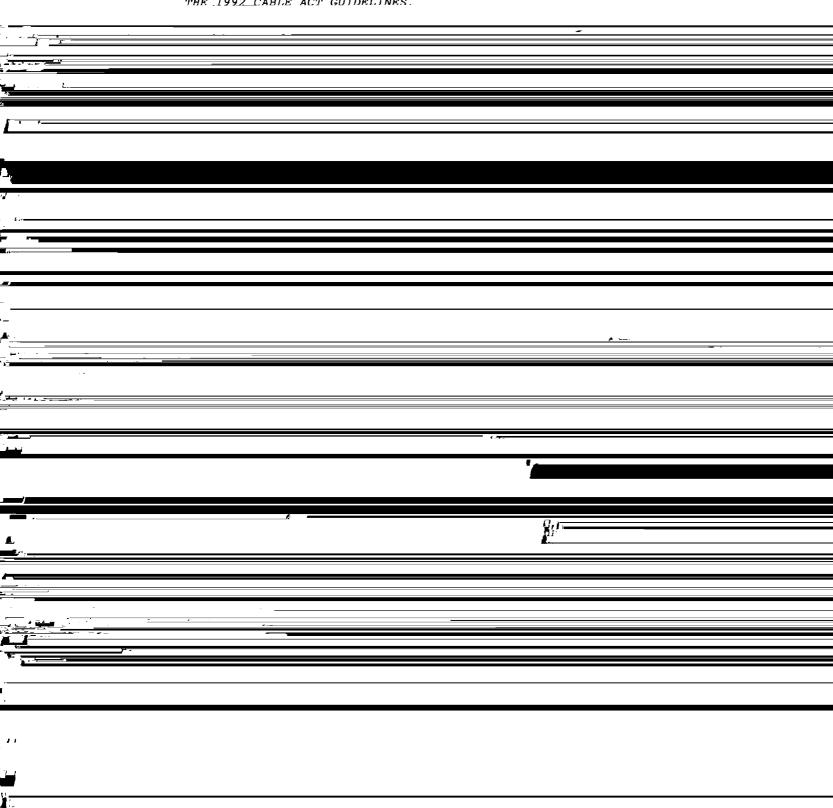
RE: Cable Rate Increase

Dear Mr. Sikes:

In November of this year the City of Sikeston was notified by the

#### RESOLUTION 92-12-01

A RESOLUTION PROTESTING A PROPOSED CABLE TV RATE INCREASE, TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, BY FALCON CABLE TV COMPANY, AND REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT OF THIS RATE INCREASE UNTIL THE RELEASE OF THE 1992\_CABLE ACT GUIDELINES.



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March 19, 1993

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Ex Parte Presentation in MM Docket No. 92-26 FM COMMUNICATIONS CAMBSSION CABLE RATE RECULTATION RE: CABLE RATE REGULATION

Dear Chairman Quello:

The City of Newnan supports the suggestions and concerns raised by the National League of Cities, the National Association of Telecommunications Officers & Advisors, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National Association of Counties ("Local Governments") in their Comments and Reply Comments filed in this Docket.

We specifically ask the Commission to support a simple certification process for rate regulation at the local level.

We urge the Commission to adopt realistic "cost per channel" benchmarks based on rates in those areas where there is true head to head competition between multichannel video programming distributors. We support a benchmark rate of 34 cents per channel proposed by "Local Governments".

We hope the Commission will also allow local jurisdictions to work in partnership with the Commission on the review and regulation of rates for cable programming services.

Hon. James H. Quello March 19, 1993 Page Two

In accordance with the Commission's rules regarding written ex parte presentations, two copies of this letter are being filed with the Commission's Secretary, as required under 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1206. I have enclosed a copy of this notification letter for your files.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bolin,

City Manager City of Newnan

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Enclosure: Ex Parte Notification Letter

cc: Donna R. Searcy, Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

Hon. James H. Quello, Acting Chairman Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street N.W. Washington, DC 20554



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### The City of Newnan, Georg

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March 19, 1993

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RE: Ex Parte Presentation in MM Docket No. 92-266

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Ms. Searcy:

In accordance with the Commission's <u>ex parte</u> rule, 47 C.F.R. 1.1206, this letter is being filed in Docket No. 92-266 as notification that I have written a letter to Commissioner Barrett, Commissioner Duggan, and Acting Chairman Quello as an <u>ex parte presentation</u> expressing the concerns and views of the City of Newnan, Georgia, in the matter of cable rate regulation.

Enclosed are two copies of the letters to the Commissioners for inclusion in the public record of Docket No. 92-266.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Bolin, City Manager

City of Newnan

RAB/atp

Enclosure: Letters to Acting Chairman and Commissioners

(two copies)

cc:

Hon. James H. Quello

Hon. Ervin S. Duggan Hon. Andrew C. Barrett

Ms. Donna R. Searcy, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Room 222 1919 M Street N.W.

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### Town of Pallas

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FRANK J. HOLLAND GEORGE H. JAGGERS, JR.

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Mayor Coleen H. Cloninger

December 16, 1992

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Mr. J.J. Freeman, Director Federal Communications Commission Fields Operation Bureau Norfolk Office FCC Building 1200 Communications Circle Virginia Beach, VA 23455

> Re: Cencom Cable Television Co. 1804-J Colonial Village Lincolnton, NC 28092 (704) 735-9065

Dear Mr. Freeman:

At the December 8, 1992, meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dallas, I was instructed to write you to let you know of our Board's and community's concern regarding the constant rate increases and the quality of service we receive from CenCom Cable Television Co. This company has 653 in the corporate limits of Dallas and is the only cable television company that serves our citizens.

Since Cencom purchased the franchise from another company, we have nearly seen annual increases. Effective January 1, 1993, we will experience yet another increase for the basic 33 channel service which will increase from \$23.95 to \$25.95. Our Board and community feel that these rates cannot be justified especially since customers in surrounding areas who are on different cablevisions are paying less.

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